

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim 1 5 wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet.
3. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim 1 5 wherein said tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric.
4. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim 1 5 including a retaining sack wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.
5. (Previously Presented) A toy comprising:
a linking loop type structure having an elongated tubular member with a pair of opposite free ends, said tubular member being formed in the shape of a closed loop with said free ends adjacent to one another, each of said ends including at least one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet, the structure further including a retaining sack stitched to said tubular member wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.

6. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said closed loop configuration is a circular configuration.
7. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said tubular member is flexible.
8. (Currently Amended) The toy of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is embedded within its respective free ends.
9. (Previously Presented) A toy comprising:
a plurality of linking loop type structures connected together, each of said structures having an elongated tubular member with a pair of opposite free ends, said tubular member being formed in the shape of a closed loop with said free ends adjacent to one another, each of said ends including at least one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) The play accessory of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet.
12. (Currently Amended) The play accessory of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein said tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric.
13. (Currently Amended) The play accessory of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein said at least one magnet or material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.

14. (Previously Presented) A play accessory comprising:

an elongated tubular structure having a pair of free ends and one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet positioned at each of said free ends, said tubular member being of sufficient flexibility to be formed into a closed loop structure with said free ends adjacent to one another, said one of a magnet or material attracted to a magnet retained within a sack wherein said sack is stitched to said tubular member.

15. (Currently Amended) The play accessory of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is embedded within its respective free end.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The toy of claim 19 wherein said first loop structures are keeper loops being closed loop structures.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A toy comprising the combination of:

a keeper having a body portion and a plurality of first loop structures connected with said body and

at least one second loop structure manually connectable to one of said first loop structures, at least one of said first loop structures and said second loop structure having a pair of free ends which are engageable with one another and which are manually separable from one another to connect said one loop structure to one of the other of first loop structures and said second loop structure and wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet.

20. (Original) The toy of claim 19 wherein said at least one second loop structure comprises said pair of free ends.

21. (Previously Presented) A toy comprising:

a plurality of loop type members selectively interconnectable with one another, each of said loop type members comprising an elongated member having a first connection member comprising a magnet at a first position and a second connection member comprising a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet at a second position, said first and second connection members being connectable to one another to form said elongated member into a closed loop configuration and said first and second connection members being manually separable to selectively interconnect a plurality of said closed loop configurations together, with each closed loop configuration extending through the loop of an adjacent closed loop configuration.